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PARIS FOR BROWN FOR HOEVELER

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SUBJ: FEARN/OPIC/PRODMA

REF: A. STATE 214062; B. STATE 202463

1. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM CHISIMAIO FOR TRANSMISSION:
"URGENT PETER GILBERT OPIC WASHINGTON. FOR JOHN HOEVELER --
STILL AWAITING PRODMA EMPLOYEES LIQUIDATION PAYMENTS AND OCTOBER
SALARIES AS PER DETAILS ALREADY PROVIDED THROUGH YOUR EMBASSY.
YOUR EARLIEST CONFIRMATION IN POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE URGENTLY
REQUIRED. /S/ PRODMA/OPIC"

2. AFTER SOME DELAY, WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH
WITH LAWYER SHEIKH AHMED NOV 7, AND DISCUSSED PAYMENT PROCEDURE
OUTLINED REF A. HE WAS AGREEABLE, AND SAID HE WOULD CABLE LIBAN
AT ONCE THAT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN ON PAYMENTS, AND WOULD EX-
PLAIN DETAILS IN LETTER. CABLE AND LETTER FROM LAWYER WOULD
CONSTITUTE REPLY TO LIBAN'S CABLE, PARA 1. LAWYER UNDERSTANDS
THAT MOST URGENT ITEM IS GUARDS' MONTHLY PAY.

3. MAKING LAWYER RECEIVING OFFICER FOR BILLS FROM LIBAN IN
EFFECT PUTS HIM IN SEMI-SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP TO LIBAN IN
CHISIMAIO. THIS SEEMS WISEST COURSE. LAWYER MENTIONED THAT HE
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MIGHT WANT TO SEE LIBAN IN MOGADISCIO, AND THERE WOULD THEN BE

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BILL FOR LIBAN'S TRAVEL. (REQUEST OPIC CONFIRMT THAT SUCH TRAVEL EXPENSES ARE CHARGEABLE.)

4. WE EXPLAINED TO LAWYER THAT OPIC WOULD PROBABLY BE ASSUMING FEARN'S INTEREST IN PRODMA AND THAT HE WOULD THEREFORE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM OPIC. HE SEEMED AGREEABLE. SUGGEST OPIC WRITE TO LAWYER OFFERING TO TAKE OVER HIS EXISTING CONTRACT WITH FEARN.

5. SOME BILLS FROM LIBAN WILL APPARENTLY REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH OPIC/FEARN; FOR INSTANCE, LIBAN VACATION PAY (REF B, PARA 6). SOME UTILITY BILLS CONTAIN LARGE OUTSTANDING UNPAID BALANCES. ASSUME GUARDS SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED AND REHIRED BUT CARRIED THROUGH TO FINAL TERMINATION OF OPIC RESPONSIBILITY. OPIC MAY WISH TO ESTABLISH DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH ITS LAWYER ON SUCH MATTERS, WITH EMBASSY TRANSMITTING MESSAGES. KIRK

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